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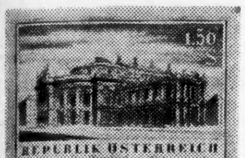
Austrian Stamps Feature Theatres

July 25 is the first day for two commemorative stamps Austria is releasing to bring attention to the Municipal Theater, and the State Opera House, both located in Vienna. Their sale began on July 20 but they became valid for postage on the 25th.



Pictured on the 1.50 Schilling sepia is an excellently designed and engraved view of the theatre. The same kind of fine work is to be seen on the 2.40S light blue with the opera house.

Both the artwork and the engraving are from the hands of Hans Ranzoni. Printing is in sheets of 50 subjects, each value, at the Austrian State Printing Works, in a quantity of two million per stamp. News of the pair came from Edwin Mueller of New York City, and the Austrian Postal Administration.

Three Plates For Canadian Scout Stamp

Canada's Boy Scout commem due August 20 will be printed in two colors, green and gold. Plate numbers have been announced by the Post Office Department of Canada as Nos. 1 and 2 for the green, and a single plate No. 1 for the gold.

It will take the purchase of a full pane of fifty stamps to get the plate number at post offices or through the Philatelic Agency, Financial Branch, Ottawa 4, Canada.

A QUESTIONABLE TRIBUTE. On May 11 Student's Day in Jerusalem was noted with a special cancellation shown on the cover above tying the stamp to the envelope. It is a walking jackass wearing spectacles and having books tucked under its left foreleg. The inscription in oval form surrounding this central figure is in English and Hebrew. The cover was submitted by Pierson Ostrow of Burlington, Vt.

Artists, Designs And Rate Structure Of Ryukyu Islands Regular Postage Stamp Series

H. Kanda

Regular Issue of 1948

As a result of World War II, the Ryukyu Islands were placed under U. S. military administration. The commander of the Far East Command is concurrently the governor of the Ryukyu Islands, but he actually administers the territory through the Deputy Governor of the United States Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands and a Ryukyuan who is appointed Chief Executive of the Government of the Ryukyu Islands.

To provide the Ryukyuans with regular postal service, the government authorities issued the first set of regular postage stamps in 1948. These stamps were designed by Shutaro Higa, who was then in the International Mail Exchange Office, but is now in the Parcel Post Section.

The first issue of stamps was printed in Japan by the printing bureau of the Finance Ministry. The stamps were printed on grayish paper and had thick, dark gum. They measured 22.5 x 18.5 mm. and had rough perforations. The watermark is the same as that found on Japanese stamps of this period. The stamps were placed on sale July 1, 1948. The 40 sen and 1 yen are now among the rarities of the stamp world.

In March 1949 the stamps were reprinted in Japan. The second printing is on white paper with the same watermark, but the gum is colorless and the perforations are clean cut. The printing is much sharper and the colors vary slightly in shading.

Mr. Higa selected Ryukyuan plant life and the typical scenes as the theme of his designs. The sotetsu, or cycas revoluta, depicted on the five and twenty sen stamps is an ornamental as well as food plant and is also an important export item.

The Easter lily is depicted on the 10 and 40 sen values. The Okinawans call it "yuri" and during the Easter season, the flower blooms in profusion all over the island.

The Ryukyuan trading ship or

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U.S. Navy, And Army Figured In Early Postal History Of Former Japanese Territories

R. P. Alexander

Almost twenty years ago, when visiting the manager of the Tokyo office of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corp. I was much impressed by a sign hanging in his office, reading:

TRUST HUMAN NATURE, BUT
DON'T NEGLECT OBVIOUS PRECAUTIONS

This serves to remind me of an incident which took place during the Battle of Okinawa, some two months before organized Japanese resistance on that island was brought to a close. Back in April 15, 1945 an American officer arrived in Okinawa with some large wooden boxes. As most of the buildings had been destroyed, he was at a loss to know how to store them safely.

During the time which would elapse before he could arrange for an improvised vault at Military Government Headquarters, he stored the boxes on the open beach but took the obvious precaution of disguising their contents by labelling the boxes "TOY HORSE". Wide-spread rumors flew about to the effect that Military Government was bringing in toys for enemies when shipping space was insufficient for bringing in such vital supplies as ammunition and food. The wooden boxes were untouched.

They contained large quantities of Type B Military Yen which shortly became the only currency that would be recognized as legal tender for official use in the Ryukyu Islands by American armed forces. The obvious precautions had paid off in the case of currency; similar precautions were not taken with postage stamps nor was there any need for such precautions.

In this brief summary of the postal history of the Ryukyu Islands from mid-1945 (when organized Japanese military resistance on Okinawa was brought to an end) to July 1, 1948 when the first definitive all-Ryukyu postage stamps came into use, let us bear in mind that the four major districts concerned each operated its own independent postal system under the auspices of United States Military governments, both naval and military.

The philatelic history of the districts of Amami-Oshima, Okinawa, Yaeyama and Miyako, differs by each district. Each had its own individual characteristics. Each desired to secure income from the sale of postage stamps brought in from other districts or brought in from Japan by individuals returning from that counrty to the Ryukyu Islands.

All four districts used overprinted Japanese stamps marked in such a manner as to distinguish the stamps of one district from other districts. All four districts took this "obvious precaution" to protect their revenue.

The first of the four which we will discuss is Amami-Oshima which was administratively a part of the Japanese prefecture of Kagoshima until the time of Japan's surrender.

AMAMI-OSHIMA

The group of islands known as Amami-Oshima, or Amami Gunto, runs south from the large Japanese island of Kyushu down to Okinawa in the south. In December 1950 the population of Amami-Oshima stood at about 216,000.

Although all communication between Amami-Oshima and Japan was cut off at VJ-Day, Amami-Oshima continued to be an administrative part of Kagoshima Prefecture until, by order of General MacArthur, it was placed by directive under American military government on January 19, 1946.

The line separating Amami-Oshima and the Japanese island of Kyushu to the north was the 30th parallel which nearly bisected the island of Kuchinoshima in the Jitto or Tokara group of islands. No American troops had landed in Amami-Oshima during the war and it was not until March 3, 1946 that American forces arrived and established military government, in fact, in Amami-Oshima.

Although inter-island mails were established fairly promptly, it was one or two months before mail service between Japan and Amami-Oshima was reestablished. Each post office in Amami-Oshima continued to use Japanese stamps and postcards without alteration of any kind for intra-Ryukyu mail; but for mail to Japan, instead of post-

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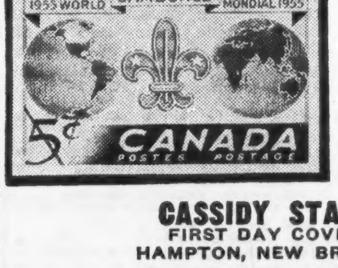

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Since the July 1954 issue of Linn's Weekly Stamp News on the Ryuykus, the Society is happy to report that popular support has made it possible for it to greatly expand its services to the collecting fraternity.

The loyal backing of the Ryukyus specialists has made it feasible for the Society to issue is own 10 page IRSACS Bulletin eight times a year. It was formerly incorporated with that of the Japan specialists (ISJP). It now is available to non-members at 50c per copy when published. Subscriptions are limited to members only.

Support for the work of the Ryukyus specialists was greatly boosted by the organization of the Taiwan Section of the Society on January 1, 1955. Many Ryukyus specialists also collected Taiwan, both being former Japanese territory, so they requested that the IRSACS Bulletin and the Society's service department include the stamps and coins of Taiwan. The Bulletin is now carrying heretofore unpublished mss on Taiwan philately as well as information on new issues. The June 1955 issue carried a full report on the FREE CHINA ship mail which has not appeared even in the philatelic press.

Knowledge of the stamps of the Ryukyus in official circles in Washington was greatly enhanced through the efforts of IRSACS' secretary, Chet Geesey. Mr. Geesey arranged for the presentation of a collection of the Ryukyu Islands to the Smithsonian Institution which Dr. J. E. Graf, acting head of the organization, accepted. Mr. Geesey also presented a similar collection to the Library of Congress collection, which J. H. Richter of the LB Stamp Club accepted on behalf of the curator. Another similar collection was presented by Mr. Geesey to the collection of the Post Office Department which was accepted by Mr. Robertson and Mr. Fellers. The latter collection will be kept with the UPU reference collection at the Ben Franklin post office.

Outside the United States Ryukyus interest in England centers around James Negus, editor of the China Section Bulletin. State museums in Munich and Stockholm have purchased copies of the Ryukyus Checklist for their reference collections. Activity in the Ryukyus centers around the Ryukyu Stamp Friend Club which was founded under the sponsorship of IRSACS and will hold its third annual exhibition this August. IRSACS contributed liberally toward prizes for the exhibition. In Japan, Mr. Mori, our eminent expert, has organized a Ryukyus Study Group.

At present, the 1954 issues of IRSACS Bulletin Vol. I. No. 1-9 (unbound) are now ready for distribution. This volume, with a 30 page supplement on the Ryukyus by R. P. Alexander, sells for $4 plus postage. Copies of the 1952 Ryukyus Checklist are still available at $2.50 plus postage. Copies of Linn's special issue on the Ryukyus for both 1954 and 1955 are sent gratis with each copy. (these copies are not sold separately).

During the past year, IRACS has brought the Checklist up to date by preparing a Master Correction Sheet which was sent to all registered owners of the Checklist.

The Society is always glad to hear from Ryukyus and Taiwan specialists or those interested in taking up these specialties. Those wishing information from time to time may request that their name be placed on the free mailing list, so that they will be notified when there are new issues, publications, etc. The Society's service department is open to non-members by purchase of $1 in script which can be applied to purchases. The Service Department is anxious to secure supplies of Ryukyu and Taiwan stamps, coins, and revenue stamps and will be glad to hear from anyone who has anything to offer, especially in the line of better grade material.

U.S. Supervision Ryukyus Islands

The Ryukyu Islands are located off the east China coast between Japan and Taiwan. They now consist of three large groups—Okinawa, Miyako, and Yaeyama. The most important of the three is Okinawa. The chief city, Naha, is about 6,000 miles from San Francisco; 1,000 from Tokyo, and 500 from Shanghai. The islands are astride the typhoon routes which accounts for the damaged gum on mint Ryukyu stamps and an average annual rainfall of 82.8 inches.

The people there speak Ryuyuan, an unwritten language, so in addition to the early use of Chinese, the people now use Japanese as their main language. Before the annexation of the islands by Japan about 1877, the Ryukyus were an independent nation.

They enjoyed a peaceful existence until the morning of April 1, 1945, when U. S. forces landed on Okinawa. After about two months of the heaviest fighting ever known, the U. S. effectively occupied Okinawa.

The peace treaty with Japan, which was signed September 8, 1951 and made effective April 28, 1952, recognized Japan's residual sovereignty over the Ryukyus, or Nansai Shoto, as they are designated in Japanese. This principle was the basis for the return of the Amami Oshima islands to Japan, December 25, 1953. The islands are presently administered by the Department of the Army on behalf of the Department of Defense.

The Army administers the Ryukyus through the U. S. Civil Administration of the Ryukyu Islands (USCAR) which in turn, works through a local government known as the Government of the Ryukyu Islands (GRI), made up of Ryukyuan personnel.

The Ryukyuans are a kindly, peace-loving people. Under U. S. administration, social conditions, especially health and education, have greatly improved. The presence of U. S. personnel provides a source of revenue to the island's economy which would otherwise find things difficult.

The Ryukyuan postal system, which was formerly an integral part of the Japanese postal system, has been rehabilitated to its former efficiency. Although most of the personnel were employees of the old Japanese postal system, many U. S. innovations have been introduced to improve the operation.

The most important of these is the organization of a vast international airmail service emanating in all directions from the Ryukyus. In the manner of many British administered areas, mail originating from the Ryukyus goes into the Universal Postal Union under the U. S. account. Therefore airmail and parcels, as well as registered and other mail, can be sent from the Ryukyus to all parts of the world.

In addition to the regular post offices, the U. S. domestic postal system extends it services to armed services personnel on the islands by the establishment of military post offices. However, its services are strictly limited to authorized personnel.

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On the 5 yen will be shown the Bentenzaki peninsula; the 10y will picture Jodogahama Beach. Both values will be used for the souvenir sheet.

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The Postal Administration advises that the new 5 yen for regular postage is still in the preparation stage and will be issued somewhat later than originally scheduled.

Greek Pythagorean Four Out In August

July 10 was the first day of issue for the revised denominations of the "Ancient Arts" series for regular postage of Greece. P. J. Drossos, 1 St. Denys Place, Athens, Greece points out that the 3 and 3.50 drachmas are added values.

Previously issued on April 14 was the 50 lepta. New stamps are the 1, 2, 3, 3.50, 4, 20 and 30 drachmae.

Advanced by approximately six months is the Pythagorean commemorative set which was to have been a release early in 1956. It will now appear in August, consist of four values, and will probably be in time to be usable during the congress which it will publicize.

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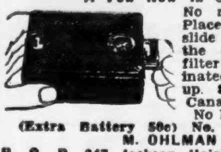
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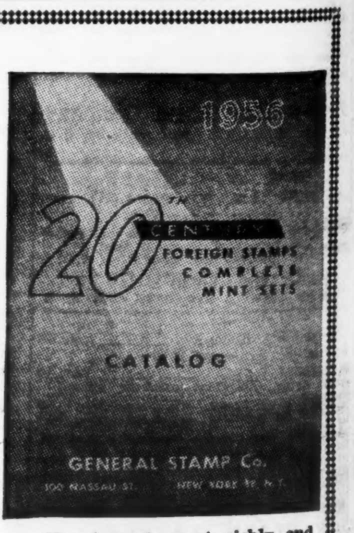

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A Glance At Recent Ryukyuan Postal History

During the past year, Ryukyu postal affairs made notable progress in improving service, expanding air routes, and developing interesting stamps. Also experienced were several increases in postage rates. Nothing new, so far has been reported for postal stationery, but with airsheet rates raised from 12 to 15 yen, obviously something must be done. Plans for special new year cards in 1954 also fell through for economy reasons.

New Postage Stamps

On June 25, 1954, the long contemplated Ryukyuan Industrial Art Series was inaugurated with a 4 yen brown depicting a classical Ryukyuan wine flask made of pottery. The next value of this series appears a year later. The 4 yen value was for the new domestic first class mail rate which had gone into effect some time ago.

First day covers had no special cancellation, but bore a red cachet which depicted dragons circling the world.

On August 16, 1954, the current Flying Buddha airmail set was increased with the addition of 40 and 50 yen values. These values were for South American and European airmail letters, respectively. However, according to recent reports, these rates no longer hold, so these two stamps are bound to be scarce.

First day covers had no special cancellation, but bore a burnt siena cachet which depicted a Flying Buddha over a desk globe.

On October 1, 1954, a newspaper stamp was issued to mark the fourth aniversary of Ryukyus Newspaper Week. The design was a portrait of Mr. Toma on a blue 4 yen stamp. The stamp was similar to the newspaper stamp issued in 1953. The cancellation and cachet are also almost exactly alike; the only difference being a change in date.

On June 20, 1955, the post office issued a 15 yen stamp in red depicting a lacquer dish and a 20 yen stamp in light brown depicting a piece of Ryukyuan textile. Both of these stamps depict famous products of the Ryukyus and are a part of the Industrial Arts series.

Several proposals have been made to the Ryukyus legislature for stamp designs. A new airmail set will soon be necessary because stocks of the current issue are running low and the values no longer fit any of the new rates. Nothing more has been heard of stamps to depict Ryukyus flora and fauna. A proposal came before the Legislature for a famous Ryukyuans series which received strong support.

In a notice circulated by the Ryukyus Philatelic Agency about May 1955, new postage rates were given as follows:

8 yen for ordinary foreign first class mail. Formerly it was six yen. There is no 8 yen stamp in the Ryukyus.

30 yen for foreign registered letters. The 30 yen of the Historical Sites Series was issued for this purpose.

15 yen for airsheets. The current airsheet is 12 yen, the old rate. No new airsheet has been reported so far.

The latest rates for first class airmail were reported as follows for each 20 grams or fractions thereof:

15 yen for 1st zone—Japan, China, Philippines, Hong Kong.

20 yen for 2nd zone—Korea, Singapore, Indochina, Burma, Thailand, Malaya, Marianna Islands.

35 yen for 3rd zone—U.S.A. Canada, Alaska, Ceylon, Hawaii, India, Sumatra, Pakistan, Afghanistan.

45 yen for 4th zone—Australia, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria.

60 yen for 5th zone—Europe, Africa, Central and South America.

In looking over this list, it is notable that none of the present airmail stamps fit into any one of these categories. Also most of the airmail from the Ryukyus is destined for the 1st, 3rd, and 5th zones, so values for the other zones will be scarce.

However, to philatelists, the most important announcement of the year by the Philatelic Agency was the one advising of the end of sale of non-current issues of postage stamps. The Agency had kept odd values of sets issued as early as 1950 on sale until June 1955, when all sales ceased. At present only the Historical Sites Series, 1951 airmails, the 1954 Newspaper, and the Industrial Arts Series are on sale.

Other items of philatelic interest during the year were the inauguration of Naha-Hong Kong airmail service on February 5, 1955 by JAL and the initial use of pacquetboat cancellations at the Naha C.P.O.

Cash remittance envelopes, made exactly like those in Japan, were introduced during the year. The first known one was light brown with two small rectangular seals. This was followed with a blue envelope with green seals, twice as large as the former ones. These envelopes permit the sending of currency through the mails and are insured.

During the period March 1 to May 31, 1954 the FREE CENSUS FRANK was in use throughout the Ryukyus in connection with an all-Ryukyus census. Each political unit organized a local census board. This board was permitted to use the mails for official business free of charge. The envelopes were normally stamped or hand written "Official Census Business" and did not require postmarks.

The Ryukyus post offices all sell revenue stamps which are not valid for postage, but must often be used in connection with postal business. In addition to the 1, 3, 5, 10, 50, and 100 yen values, the 500 and 1000 yen values were added during the past year.

In December 1954, the Ryukyus Anti-TB Association issued a charity seal which depicted an Okinawan Lion.

Other than in connection with first day of issue covers, no new commemorative cancellations or cachets were reported during the year.

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As we have stated before the Liberian Post Office Department claims that a certain London, England dealer claims that he holds a contract with the Liberian Government concerning the production of postage stamps. It appears that this contract must date back to about 1938 or prior thereto, at least the Air Mail Stamps of 1938 have been unquestionably reprinted and thrown on the market with various types of cancellations which are not the legitimate cancellations of the Liberian post office.

We have a copy of a letter in which the Liberian Post Office Department makes the statement concerning the holding of this contract and they claim also that they would like to have the manufacture of these stamps, which have been produced as a result of this contract, stopped. Just why they do not take action themselves is something we do not understand for they are the ones that should take such action.

Since the publication of these facts some weeks ago in our paper we have had a letter from the "Inspector of Posts" in Monrovia in which he says. "This comes to acknowledge receipt of your letter and also weekly issues of your publication. I desire to thank you very kindly for the news items therein found on Liberian stamps; and as this has had some effects here, I would ask that you be good enough to continue the good work and draw more from your files of which as you said in one of your publications that you have more."

Any amount of publicity on our part will not remedy the matter. As for us, if we named names we might be sued for libel. Just what facts and what contracts exist between the Liberian Government and others for the production of the stamps in question should be known to the Government as well as to the contracting parties. If the Government wishes to get rid of this situation it is up to them to do so, we can not attempt to do it for them.

The Liberian government should know that to make the contract valid, that an official of the Government must have signed it. Thus it is the responsibility of the Government to abrogate it. If none of the officials have any knowledge of this contract, then they can ignore it and sue to stop the production of stamps.

Also if the contract is not in the best interests of the Liberian Government, then they can abrogate the contract. The Government of Liberia can not be sued directly and if presented in the U. S. Courts, it would undoubtedly be thrown out as damaging to the interests of a friendly country.

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George A. Tlamsa, editor-in-chief of Minkus Publications, Inc. recently reported that the 1956 edition of the new American Stamp Catalog plans to list the Ryukyu Islands under the United States along with Canal Zone, etc. This is a step in the proper direction as the U. S. is solely responsible for the original organization of the postal system in the Ryukyus and is actually operating it today.

The UPU recognizes the Ryukyus post as an affiliate of the United States postal administration. The United States is responsible for the settlement of all international post office accounts of the Ryukyu Islands. Similar arrangements were in existence for areas of the British Empire from time to time.

The U. S. administration of the Ryukyu postal system is very similar to the procedure followed by the U. S. in the cases of Cuba, the Canal Zone and the Philippines. In each instance the stamps of Spain remained in use until the United States was able to issue stamps in local currency.

In addition to the stamps, the paper currency of the Ryukyu Islands is also a strictly American affair. The one and only circulating medium among the Ryukyuan people is the B Yen, a U. S. printed and backed currency. This B Yen is tied to the U. S. dollar at the rate of 120 yen.

When Japan annexed the Ryukyus in 1879, she made these islands an integral part of that nation. Okinawa then had its own delegate in the Japanese Diet.

Both the stamps and currency of Japan were used in the Ryukyus without any distinction. In other words, philatelically speaking, the Ryukyus had no independent status when it was under Japanese rule.

This point, and also the fact that the pre-1879 independent Kingdom of the Ryukyus had no postal system and had never issued stamps, makes it obvious that the present Ryukyus postage stamp issues cannot logically be listed independently. There is no precedent in Ryukyus philatelic history to justify listing the Ryukyus as a separate stamp issuing area.

For example, in the case of the Danish West Indies, Denmark had special stamps for that area. Therefore, these stamps qualified for a separate listing. In the case of Puerto Rico, Spain had separate stamps for this area. When the U. S. took over United States issues were overprinted for use there. But the precedent had been established for an independent listing of the stamps of Puerto Rico. We find no such precedents in the case of the Ryukyus.

Some philatelists have made the error of listing the Ryukyus stamps under Japan which is even more illogical as Japan had nothing to do with the authority to issue the stamps nor with the present Ryukyus postal administration. The only tenuous connection is that the stamps were printed in Japan; first by order of SCAP and at present by order of the U. S. Civil Administration in the Ryukyus. It is interesting to note that when Amami Oshima was returned to Japan in 1953, Japan marked the occasion with a special cancellation, but the Ryukyus did nothing.

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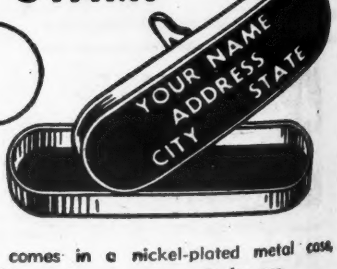

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U.S. NOTES

BY CARL P. RUETH

It should be of considerable interest to all collectors of United States stamps that the Scott United States Specialized Catalog has announced the catalog numbers of the 18 values of the Liberty series, plus those of the four coil stamps. Some of these had already been known, and the rest guessed—but now it's official.

In the 1955 edition of the Scott Catalog a break in the consecutive numbers had been purposefully maintained so that these regulars could be assimilated. That break puzzled and seemingly worried a lot of people, who will now be relieved of their vexation.

Here's how the series will be identified:—

1030—½c	1042—20c
1031—1c	1043—30c
1032—1½c	1044—40c
1033—2c	1045—50c
1034—3c	1046—$1
1035—4c	1047—$5
1036—5c	
1037—6c	COILS
1038—7c	1048—1c
1039—8c	1049—1½c
1040—9c	1050—2c
1041—10c	1051—3c

1. A "Green Mountain Boy" is depicted on what commem?
2. The "Pine Tree" flag carrying the motto "Liberty or Death" is shown on what commem?

As a rule the commemorative stamps of Australia aren't what might be considered the best in the world, or even among the first ten in excellence of stamp design, but the pair issued for the centenary of Cobb & Co. are eye-catchers.

On page one of the July 11 edition was the story of this enterprise originated and maintained by Yankees who brought stagecoaches and personnel to "kangaroo land", and made a fortune thereby. For that reason the pair will be of great interest to collectors of the United States.

Denominations are 3½ pence, and 2 shillings, and the design is common to both.

What especially appeals to me is the putting across of the idea of the commemoration with a minimum of wording, and that contained outside the stamp design itself. Our postal officials here have a lesson of not cluttering up a picture with wording and still getting the story across.

Th Cobb & Co. set is stampic artwork comparable to the world's best.

A lady collector of Atlantic City wants to learn about obtaining the stamps of the United Nations at face value. I believe most of you know that the UN maintains a philatelic agency where for face value plus return postage and registration you can buy stamps and postal stationery currently in stock.

Before you do anything, write to the United Nations Postal Administration, United Nations, N. Y. (that's the full address) and ask for the list of items available. In it you will be told what you can buy and how to buy it. All very simple.

Every now and again some one becomes highly exercised when the suggestion that fewer stamps be issued of the commemoratives is made. They claim possibility of monopoly, no stamps for collectors yet to be born, and other dire results for present and coming devotees of the hobby.

It has always seemed to me that besides leaving cultural and spiritual treasures to future generations, there isn't much else of worth which can be left for them. Things of the spirit can last forever; those of substance are passing and impermanent.

Why worry about printing enough stamps so future citizens can buy them at face or near to it. No one ever did it for my generation or any others before and I think we are all getting on grandly without any pain in our hearts because we aren't able to buy the 1847's at no more than 50% over face.

We have a minor cry-baby element in our population which is always out looking for someone to give them security, philatelic or otherwise, rather than asking God to give them the strength and the will to make their own.

Collectors out in Albert Lea, Minn. are pretty "hot" at their postmaster because they are not able to buy plate blocks of the 8c Rotary commem. In fact, the sheets which come to the stamp window all have the plate block removed. The accusation is that such plate blocks are sold to members of the local Rotary Club, who understandably should be quite interested. However, these same Rotarians rarely ever buy any of the other commems and so it can't be because they are interested in philately.

The postmaster might be a Rotarian taking care of his fellow members, but he is also postmaster for the entire population.

I mentioned here that several of the stamp collecting military personnel in Korea had worked up a cachet for the last day of the free-franking of their airmail May 31. A cover was sent to me by M/Sgt Daniel S. Travsky.

Sgt. Travsy has written that it was not until late on June 1 in Korea (actually May 31 in the U. S.) that they learned that the privilege had been extended. So this comes as a correction.

THANKS FOR THE COVERS DEPT.: Martin Bostrom, Orebro, Sweden; D. J. Duarte, Lisbon, Portugal; Mario de Campo Duarte, Portuguese Guinea; Keith Tucker, North Fitzroy, Australia; Walter Horn, Dresden, Germany.

I don't think Mrs. Robert S. (Helen) Bancroft will mind if I reproduce part of her letter to me. She is the wife of the man pictured on the 15c Certified Mail stamp.

You will remember I mentioned some columns ago that Mr. Bancroft would be willing to autograph blocks of this stamp. However, it was suggested that you make no special requests, and that you provide a stamped addresed envelope for the return of the autographed block or single you were to supply. It was further suggested that you might include a small token of appreciation for his courtesy, or for his grandchildren. Here is the letter:—

"Dear Mr. Rueth:

"Through the courtesy of one of your readers, we received a copy of Linn's Stamp Weekly, find it a most interesting publication. It surely has a widespread circulation judging from the letters and little gifts my husband has received from readers all over the states, and a few from Canada, one from Japan.

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"I have enjoyed the letters very much. We still get several every day. We have received enough stamps to start a nice collection for our two granddaughters. One, Patsy, is ten and very much interested; the baby is still too young to know what it is all about.

". . . . I hope that any more of your readers who wish autographs will feel free to write for them. My husband is a pretty good guy, as you say and I am very proud of him.

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2. The White Plains of 1926.

Stamps At Face From The Ryukyus

Philatelic service for the general public began when government functions in the Ryukyus were still more or less entirely in the hands of U. S. military personnel detached for civil government duty. The present philatelic agency had its modest beginnings in 1948 when Lt. Mills was authorized to handle orders for stamps from stamp collectors all over the world.

He was relieved by Lt. Thoman when he completed his tour of duty and from the very beginning, Kei Kakinohana had been on its staff.

On May 8, 1950 the present agency was formally organized as a section of the Bureau of Posts, Department of Communications, Government of the Ryukyu Islands. Mr. Kakinohana has been its chief since its founding.

He is a great friend of stamp collectors, though not a stamp collector himself. He is also in charge of the stamp design work and handles the placing of orders for stamps in Japan and of postal stationery in Naha.

Because the largest group of customers of the agency are of the United States, the operations have been an excellent source of revenue for the GRI. However, as in all governments, it is limited by its small budget and therefore, small staff.

In addition, only Mr. Kahinohana is proficient in English, so it takes some time to have an English letter from the States translated, processed, and sent back.

This usually accounts for the long delay in getting replies.

However, the Communications Department of USCAR has done its share in expediting orders for stamps from the States. As a matter of convenience for U. S. purchasers, the philatelic advisor has arranged to have orders paid by U. S. post office money orders as well as having them sent through the U. S. domestic mails.

Within the limitations imposed upon it, the Ryukyus Philatelic Agency has done well in servicing its customers. It regularly issues bulletins of coming new issues and promptly sends off orders for First Day Covers. Ordinarily, mint stamps from the Ryukyus are heavily damaged by moisture, but the Agency carefully wraps its stamps in special wax paper to prevent such damage. Ordinary post offices do not supply this service.

Again because of limited facilities, they do not handle postal stationery, revenue or charity stamps, or postal paper.

Under the guidance of Mr. Tomiyama, the Postmaster General and Kei Kahinohana, the Ryukyus has followed a wise policy in its stamp issues. The Ryukyus has no so-called speculative items. All regular and commemorative stamps were issued to fill bona fide needs or to mark important events. In fact, the main cause of many new issues is the changing exchange and postal rate.

It might be added that the specialist in Ryukyu's has been justly rewarded for his faith and confidence. As the sale of older issues stop at the post offices, their value has risen steadily.

The Agency recently announced that the only complete sets now available are the Historical Site series, the Flying Buddha airmail series, the Industrial Arts series, and the single 1954 Newspaper stamp.

Those interested in regularly receiving notices of new issues should send their request to the Philatelic Advisor, USCAR, APO 331, San Francisco, California. Collectors outside of the U. S. should address the Philatelic Agency, Naha Central Post Office, Okinawa, Ryukyu Islands.

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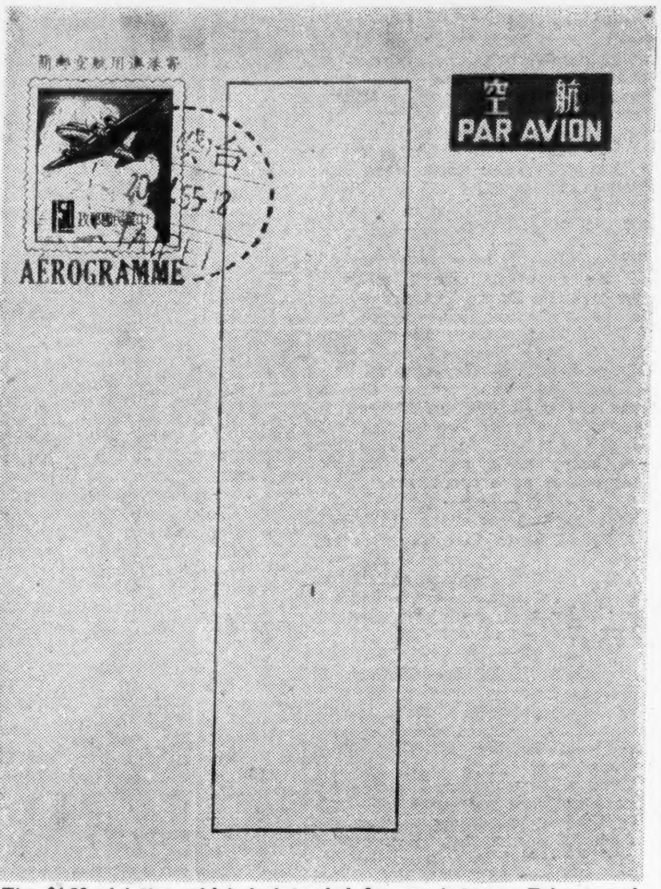

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Commemoratives, Airmails, Semipostals, Stationery Are Recent Releases Of Taiwan

In the latter part of 1954, Taiwan issued several patriotic issues and a much needed airmail set. In 1955, the change in exchange rate from about $15 to $25 Taiwan currency to one U. S. dollar on April 1, 1955 resulted in an upward revision of postage rates of about 30 to 50%.

Airsheets were raised from $3 to $4.50; air letter postage rate from $5 to $7, air letters to Hong Kong and Macao from $1.60 to $2, and airsheets for the same two places are now $1.60. These rates went into effect April 1, 1955.

On January 28, 1954, the Silo Bridge set of four values was issued to mark the completion of the bridge which was built with U. S. economic aid. The stamps were also issued imperf in a commemorative booklet.

On March 12, 1954, Reforestation Week was commemorated with a set of two values. Another two high values were added later.

On March 29, 1954, the 11th Anniversary of Youth Day, which marks the martyrdom of 72 heroes of the revolution at Huang Hua Kang, was commemorated with a set of two stamps.

On August 14, 1954, Air Force Day was commemorated with the issuance of a $1.60 airmail stamp.

On September 1, 1954, the $1 and $5 values were added to the above set. These three values were for domestic, Hong Kong and Macao, and international airmail rates. These were badly needed, but enjoyed a short use because rates were raised about six months later.

On October 1, 1954 a semipostal set was issued to raise funds for Chinese refugees from communism in Viet Nam. These stamps were demonetized on December 31, 1954.

On October 21, 1954 a set of two stamps was issued to commemorate the anniversary of the Chinese Overseas Conference in Taipei. The design is the emblem of the Conference.

On January 23, 1955 the post office marked the anniversary of the arrival of POWs from Korea with a set of three values. A commemorative envelope was issued at the same time.

On February 18, 1955 surcharges on the Koxinga set, 3c on $1, and 20c on 40c were issued. These values were primarily for domestic newspaper and postcards.

The $20 and $50 values to the Arbor Day set were issued April 1, 1955 without any special cancellation. They were urgently needed for parcels and heavy airmail letters.

On May 20, 1955, the post office issued a set to mark the anniversary of the inauguration of President Chiang to his second six year term. The values consisted of a 20c and 40c value for domestic postcards and letters; a $2 for airmail to Hong Kong and Macao; and a $7 for international airmail. This set was also sold in the form of a souvenir sheet.

The post office recently reported that the increasing postal business on Matsu island has necessitated the opening of post offices there, so for the first time in Chinese postal history, Matsu postmarks will be seen.

Several interesting postal stationery items came out of Taiwan during the past year. In connection with the 68th birthday celebrations of President Chiang Kai-shek, the post office issued a series of three sets of patriotic scenic cards of the China mainland. Each set came in an attractive envelope with patriotic slogans. The set consisted of 12 cards and each card was stamped with the special cancellation used on the anniversary of President Chiang's birthday.

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POSTCARDS

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AIR LETTER SHEETS

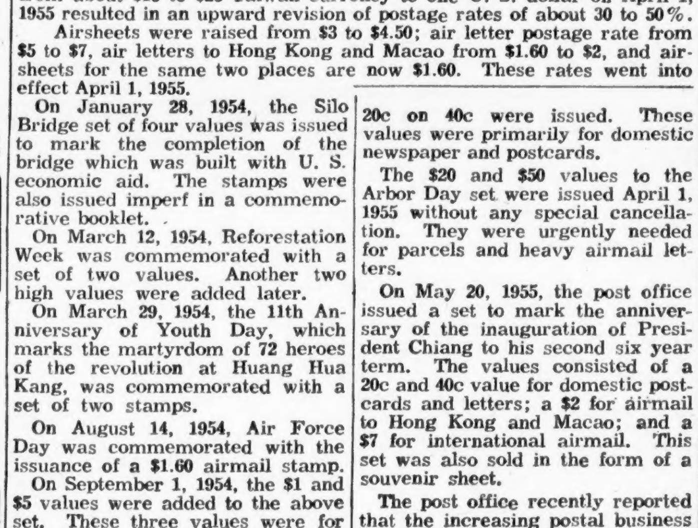
As a result of higher postage rates, several new airletter sheets came out recently. The dates given in connection with these are the earliest known, if not the first day of issue.

The $1 domestic airsheet, cancelled April 2, 1955, comes in light blue and has patriotic slogans across the bottom. It is similar to the old one except for the omission of all English lettering in the design and the ground lettering.

The $1.50 limited airsheet, cancelled April 20, 1955, is similar in size to the one above, but the stamp is brown and has the word AEROGRAMME in English and for use to Hong Kong and Macao in Chinese. These two sheets are vertical.

The $3.00 international airsheet, cancelled March 20, 1955, is similar to early shets except that the stamp is magenta. This sheet was in use before the increase of postage rates on April 1, 1955.

The $4.50 international airsheet, cancelled May 1, 1955, is similar to the above except that the stamp is dark green. This sheet was issued to serve the 50% increase in postage rates. These last two sheets are horizontal.



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Why Collect Ryukyus, Taiwan

There are still many collectors who do not know where the Ryukyu Islands and the island of Taiwan are located. This helps those "in the know" as they are picking up stuff cheap. For example, the first Ryukyus set sold for 5c with no takers. It was right after the AMG scare and anything connected with military government issues were as salable as a dead duck. Now the wise money is out to garner up all the Ryukyus they can lay their hands on.

The situation is the same with Taiwan, or Formosa, as the island is better known to the trade. This territory began to issue stamps in 1886 and had REPUBLIC OF TAIWAN stamps in 1895.

Since the removal of the capital of the Republic of China to Taiwan, the government has issued numerous regular and commemorative sets. A well known number is the 75th anniversary of the UPU stamp which at one time was among the scarcest items of the UPU series.

Some "sleepers" are the 1948-49 surcharges (Scott's No. 98-103). The "hottest" items on Taiwan among the philatelists there, are the high values of the overprinted flying geese series. Several of the low denomination 3c surcharges are also scarce.

Due to the fact that these stamps are only good for postage on Taiwan, quantities printed are often small. In the case of the $5 youth stamp, only 300,000 were printed. Only 50,000 of the $1 plus $1 semi-postal was printed.

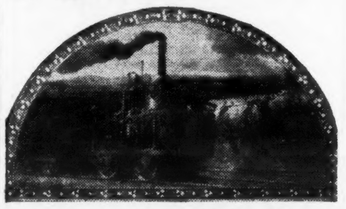
In the case of the Ryukyus stamps, the situation is even more sharply brought out. While preparing the listings of the Ryukyus for the Minkus catalogs, IRSACS also submitted a list of estimated prices. In most instances, the prices were either going dealers prices or prices actually paid by specialists for rare items. This was how the estimated price for the first printing of the 1948 issue of the Ryukyus was determined.

The price for the 100 yen surcharged on 2 yen was estimated in the same way. This stamp which sold for face, about 83c, when issued in 1952, now sells for over $20 and is still going up.

IRSACS does not agree to supply the material, but will gladly furnish information for serious students of the stamps of the Ryukyus and Taiwan. We must say that those who have faith in the stamps of these two areas have been richer both in knowledge and worldly goods.

Chicago Philatelic Society Seals, Cachet

The crack of rifles at 11 a.m. November 11 will signal the opening of the Chicago Philatelic Society's annual philatelic exhibition as well as the observance of the 1918 armistice. The big stamp show will be held in the grand ball room of the Hamilton Hotel in the center of the Chicago loop. It opens on Friday the 11th and runs to Sunday night the 13th.



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There will be a banquet on Saturday night at which time the awards for the show will be presented to exhibitors.

A set of three historical cachets will be issued on August 28 in connection with the exhibition. These commemorate the 125th anniversary of the famous race between Tom Thumb, the first railroad engine and a horse-drawn coach.

The cachets are 50c for the set and must be ordered at once to obtain the 125th anniversary date cancel. Address Chicago Philatelic Society, Room 402, 10 N. Clark St., Chicago 2, Ill.

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To note the 300th anniversary of the appearance of the Virgin Mary to a chief of the Coromoto Indians, Venezuela issued a commem with a portrait of the Virgin of Coromoto and Child.

PLATE BLOCK THOUGHTS and COMMENTS

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Scarcity Amidst Plenty

The affliction of being severe, or hyper-critical, fortunately rests with a small percentage of plate block collectors. The perfectionist suffers most in the absence of uniformly perfect centering, and in many instances he can make it pretty difficult and anonying for the stamp dealer by insisting on superb specimens of the most current and plentiful issues, where superb centering is almost impossible to obtain.

When a patient comes into a doctor's office, for a general routine check up, he knows that he is expected to pay the usual fee that is prevalent among general practitioners in his area. When the same patient comes in with requests for special check ups, with unusual attention that takes a lot more time on the part of the physician, he is expected to pay that much more for the time and services rendered.

The stamp dealer also renders the collector a service. The plate block collector expects certain issues, certain numbers, and certain positions, for which the dealer prepares to meet such requirements for his customer. Every good dealer, in every field, tries to obtain the kind of merchandise that will add to his prestige and the good name of his service.

In plate blocks, we are dealing with a commodity that is the strict production of our government (if you know of anyone else that may be trying to compete with Uncle Sam in the manufacture of postage stamps, Uncle Sam would like to know about it). Limited selection of centering is the best that the dealer can obtain. In no way can he alter the looks and appearance of the stamp, or the perforations on the blocks.

Strange as it may seem, every now and then collectors may write in, with strong and vehement complaints, why aren't all the plate blocks perfect, or at least those that he ordered? Among collectors who seek the closest thing to perfection in centering, most of them realize that they are requesting a lot more time and service that is normally rendered, and that the slight additional premium attached for such selection is more or less a courtesy rather than adequate compensation; but now and then, here and there, there will always pop up the collector who will expect the most perfect material for the lowest price.

A good solid example is the New York airmail. This issue, as a whole, was badly centered, as commemoratives go. Being a small stamp, in sheets of 100, aggravated the condition even more so. From the four corners, the lower right position was most notorious for poor centering.

A runner-up was the upper left position. The upper right and lower left positions were not as bad and could be found better centered more often than the first two named.

The 5c New York airmail, C38, which was released July 31, 1948, had a lot of interesting history behind itself, at least for the plate block collectors and to this date I know of many collectors who do not have this set in their collection, mainly for the reason of centering. But for that, they may have had it.

A plate block collector, before going into this branch of philately, should ask himself these questions. Am I going to collect stamps? Am I going to collect plate blocks? Or am I just going in for centering? It is sane and sensible to feel and state that you are going to collect plate blocks, and try to get nice centering, as best you can, but not to say that centering is the most important thing in your collection. Today a well centered lower right plate block, of either of the two numbers of the 1948 5c New York airmail is extremely scarce and would command three, four, and five times the price of any normal lower right plate block (which is normally poorly centered).

Most collectors who have this plate block in their collection have it in the kind of centering that was known for this position and were glad to get it that way. The same thing would apply to #24145 upper left of Poe, of 1949; #24168 lower right of Gompers, of 1950; and #24446 upper right of Colorado, of 1951, to name but a few. The presence of these positions is not a disgrace to any collection, but those who insist on much better centering and don't mind paying the additional premium for the effort of obtaining these common plate blocks, but in rare, beautiful centering, might be likened, in a sense, to those who must wear only custom tailored suits, and ride only in de luxe cars.

What kind of plate block collection are you trying to shape? Are you trying to have it complete, or do you too insist on perfection?

Fox Will Auction Two Jacobs' Collections

The famed Burleigh E. Jacobs U. S. cancellation collection, which has won many honors for the retiring president of The American Philatelic Society, will be sold at public auction this fall by John A. Fox, of 173 Tulip Ave., Floral Park, N. Y. The collection is one of the most noted in its field, including many unusual and rare 19th century U. S. cancellations. The date of the sale has not been set, but is likely to be held in October.

This sale by Mr. Fox will coincide with another Jacobs sale—that of Ernest R. Jacobs of Chicago. This is considered one of the finest for condition in the country. This sale is also to be held in the fall, also possibly in October.

Catalogues of both sales are now in preparation. Collectors desiring copies of the catalogues should write to the address above.

Banks Heads New England Precancellers

At the annual meeting of the New England Precancel and Stamp Club, held recently all officers were reelected for another year. They are president Leon W. Banks, Bethlehem, Conn.; vice president Henry R. Lee, Woonsocket, R. I.; Secretary Robert O. Briggs, North Orange, Mass.; treasurer John F. Boutelle, Nashua, N. H.

The Club meets on the second Sunday of each month in various New England cities to promote the collecting of all kinds of stamps. Any collector is welcome at any meeting.

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Washington, D. C., October 20, 1955

6-CENT THEODORE ROOSEVELT
New York, New York, November 18, 1955

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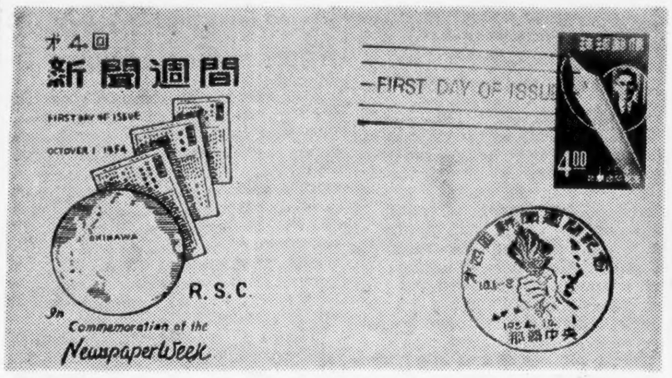


First day cover for the 1954 Newspaper commemorative stamp, a 4 yen blue. The special pictorial postmark pictures a flaming torch, and the islands.

1950—

½s to 5y, regular, 21 January 1950, Naha:—Complete set cancelled in black, violet, etc. with a rectangular cancellation reading Naha Okinawa First Day of Issue and date.

8y to 16y, airmail and 5y special delivery, 15 February 1950, Naha:—Same cancellation as above; except for date. May or may not have the 5y special delivery.

1951—

3y University, 12 February 1951, Shuri City:—Round red cancellation with a man holding a globe in the center marked Shuri. The legend reads First Day of Issue 51.2.12 Commemorating the founding of Ryukyus University. Also, large black cachet with the same legend and sketches of a dragon's head and temples.

3y Tree, 1825 February 1951, Naha, Miyako, Yaeyama, Naze:—Round red cancellation reading "in commemoration of Love the Forests Week 1951 2. 18-25. Covers processed at the temporary post office at the Forestry Exhibit in the Naha Culture Center also have the Naha cancellation for 19. 2. 51. The special cancellation was used during the entire week. No cachets were applied by the post office.

13y to 30y Airmail, 1 October 1951, Naha:—Regular Naha black cancellation reading 1. 10. 51. Also, flying crane cachet with legend "New Ryukyu Issue, 1 Oct 1951. First Day of Issue."

1952—

3y Government, 1 April 1952, Naha, Shuri, Miyako, Yaeyama, Naze:—Round, double circle red cancellation reading Government of the Ryukyu Islands, Establishment, 1 April 1952. Also, large cachet with the same legend and a dove over a bell, on covers processed at Naha, only. Covers processed at the temporary post office in the government building at Shuri were postmarked with the same Naha special cancellation, but these covers had no cachet.

1y to 3y, Historical Sites, 20 November 1952, Naha:—Regular Naha black cancellation dated 20. 11. 52. Also red cachet with the same legend and a Chinese arch.

1953—

6y to 100y, Historical Sites, 20 January 1953, Naha: — Regular Naha black cancellation dated 20. 1. 53. Also red cachet with same legend and a dragon's head.

3y and 6y, Perry, 26 May 1953, Naha: — Round red cancellation reading "Commemorating the 100th Anniversary of Perry's visit to the Ryukyus, Naha CPO, 1953 5. 26." Also, cachets in various colors. One cachet shows a portrait of Commodore Perry, and the other, a sailing ship.

3y, Newspaper, 1-8 October 1953, Naha: — Round red cancellation reading "Newspaper Commemoration Week 10. 1-8 and 1953 10. 1 Naha CPO." Also a cachet in the form of a pen nib with the same legend. The cancellation was used from the 1st to the 8th, so eight dates are possible. The cachet was used only on the 1st day. The supplementary cancelling device, a four line first day of issue handstamp, was used for the first time, on these covers.

1954—

4y Pottery, 25 June 1954, Naha:—Regular Naha black cancellation dated 25.6.54 with the First Day of issue handstamp in red. Also, a red circular cachet depicting dragons racing around the world.

40y and 50y Airmail, 16 August 1954, Naha:—Regular Naha cancellation in black or blue reading 16. 8. 54 with First Day of Issue handstamp. Also, light brown cachet with same legend and depicting a goddess over a globe.

4y Newspaper, 1-8 October 1954, Naha:—Both the special cancellation and the cachet are similar to the ones used in 1953. The only change is from 3rd to 4th Newspaper Week. There was more than one of each of these handstamps, with variations in design.

1955—

15y and 20y Arts, 20 June 1955, Naha—(details presently unavailable).

General Comments

In addition to the above list of special cancellations there is a much larger number not used in connection with first day covers, but to commemorate special events, or simply as scenic. Among the latter is the one used on Ie Shima which shows the Ernie Pyle Memorial.

All these special postmarks and cachets were hand cut by local workmen in Naha on rubber pads. Almost all of the designs were made by Kei Kakinohana, the director of the philatelic agency. They were all applied by hand and often under very difficult conditions. Therefore, the color of the ink made no difference to the postal clerk.

While attempts were made to keep the ink uniform, this was impossible in the rush and often inking pads were changed in the midst of stamping a single lot of covers, or two clerks were working on the same lot, so one can receive a lot of covers with several colors of ink. Although seal ink in red-orange and black are the most common inks, blue, purple, green, red, brown, and mixtures of these can also be found.

During the early period, when the demand for covers was small, one handstamp was usually sufficient. But in recent years, the demand has been so great that often more than one handstamp is necessary. Although they are supposed to be exact facsimilies, yet it does not take long for the stamp collector to detect the differences.

NHPOS Secretary On Leave Of Absence

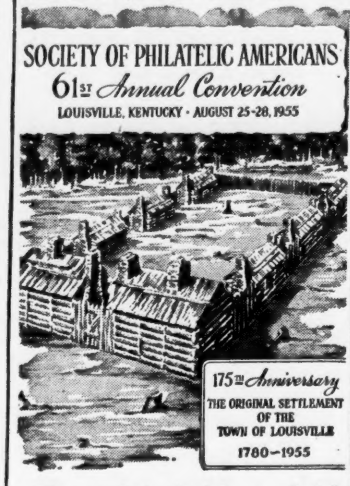
On a leave of absence of approximately six months is Virgil J. Geary, executive secretary of the National Highway Post Office Society. In his absence all mail relative to society activities, dues or requests for information are to be directed to L. W. Bayes, 909 Callahan Bldg., Dayton 2, Ohio.

William Botting, 329 Stonemill Rd., Dayton, Ohio will handle advance notices of HPO service notification and the emergency cover mailing.

The Society points out that it will not render cover service, or grant other benefits of the group, to those who are not paid up members.

Cachet To Honor SPA, Louisville

The cachet for LOU-SPA will honor both the 61st annual convention of the Society of Philatelic Americans, and the 175th anniversary of the Establishment of the Town of Louisville.



The cachet depicts a sketch of the original settlement at the site of Louisville plus appropriate wording which honors both LOU-SPA and the host city. Cacheted covers will be franked with the Lewis & Clark Expedition commem. The special cancellation will be applied by the branch post office at the convention.

Covers are available at 15c each, or four, one mailed each day, for 50c, from G. C. Mayer, 1430 Rufer Ave., Louisville, 4, Ky.

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Aug. 10—S. Pinchot, 505 Fifth Ave., New York 17, N. Y. United States mint, used, blocks. covers, airs, freaks.

Aug. 13—Stampaine, 315 W. 42nd St., New York 36, N. Y. U. S., British Colonials, General Foreign, Covers.

Aug. 13—Earl P. Apfelbaum, 1416 S. Penn Sq., Philadelphia 2. Pa. United States and General Foreign.

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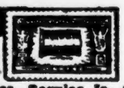

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Cachet For 1955 Precancel Convention

The New England Precancel and Stamp Club is host for the 1955 convention of the Precancel Stamp Society, Inc., in the Bancroft Hotel at Worcester, Mass. from Thursday, August 11 to and including Sunday, August 14. There will be all the usual activities associated with such a meeting including an exhibition of precancelled stamps and associated items, a dealers bourse with over 20 dealers, a "Mixer" on Thursday evening with refreshments, and the convention banquet Saturday evening.

Two trips have been planned for the ladies, one to the world-famous Higgins Armory of the Worcester Pressed Steel Company where there is an outstanding collection of medieval armor and other works of art; the other to the Old Sturbridge Village where there has been recreated a typical New England village of early days and where the arts and handicrafts of those times are kept alive.

There will be plenty of space for those who want to get together to swap, or just talk. The business of the society will be transacted in two short sessions with some concentrated committee work by those appointed to attend to it.

The exhibition, on a competitive basis, will consist of 60 or more frames. Exhibits will cover a wide range of precancels, including Belgian, dated controls, precancels on cover, The United Nations precancel, and a number of specialized displays. Prizes will be awarded for the best in each class.

One of the items of interest is the cacheted envelope. Cacheted covers can be gotten from Charles A. Thomas, 9 Hawley St., Worcester 9, Mass. at three for 25c mailed at the convention post office and cancelled with the convention cancel.

As is the custom at most philatelic conventions, there will be a special post office supplied with an assortment of commemorative stamps and with special cancellers for the occasion.

Roger H. Bryant, governor-at-large and a past president of the New England Club is general chairman.

Business Clubs Seek New Affiliates

The Associated Business Stamp Clubs of New York City, fifteen in number are inviting other "company" groups to become affiliated with them. Within the Federation are stamp clubs of the Bankers Trust Co.; Bell Laboratories; Bell System H.Q.; Consolidated Edison; Federal Reserve; Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.; 50 Maiden Lane; N. Y. Telephone Co.; Schiefflin Drug Co.; Manufacturers Trust Co.; Guardian Life; Socony Mobile Oil Co.; Western Union; Texaco Oil Co.; Hanover Bank.

Meetings are held once a month at one of the above companies. There is an exchange of stamps, and generally an interesting program.

Further details can be gotten from president W. Dorgeloh, Room 1125, Socony Mobile Oil Co., 26 Broadway, New York, N. Y. Other officers are Leon Gedaly, vice president; H. Ehrich, secretary; P. Kleinert, treasurer.

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The dove is used as a symbol of gentleness and innocence in Matthew 10:16. But the real religious significance is revealed in Matthew 3:16-17 "and Jesus, when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water; and, lo the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God decending like a dove, and lighting upon him; and, lo, a voice from heaven, saying, 'This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased'."

To this scripture the Holy Spirit is symbolically represented in the descending dove, and as such plays a very significant role in the baptism of Jesus and the following episode in which God Declares His message of the Sonship of Christ to the multitude of observers gathered on the banks of the Jordan River.

Two observations can be made concerning the doves on the stamp. First in Psalms 55:6, the rapid flight of the dove is alluded. Second, as related above, the dove is a member of the cast in the scene of the message from God. To draw the analysis, the plane which carries the mail is swift in flight to deliver the letter to our chosen receiver.

Foundation's Greece At Illinois Fair

The Philatelic Foundation will show by invitation, in the philatelic section of the Illinois State Fair, three frames of Greece from the famous "John N. Luff" reference collection, displaying issues from 1861-1895.

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The exhibition will be staged for the duration of the Fair, August 12 to 20.

7th Duck Stamp Contest Revealed

The seventh annual Federal "duck stamp" design contest opened July 15, John L. Farley, Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service, announced.

Entries for the design to be selected for the 1956-57 issue of this series of Federal revenue stamps, submitted in accordance with contest rules, must reach the headquarters office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington 25, D. C., on or before November 1, 1955. A leaflet containing contest rules may be obtained upon request from the Service.

All interested artists are eligible to enter this contest.

The Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp—better known as the "duck stamp"—has become familiar to all migratory waterfowl hunters and to philatelists and conservationists throughout the country since the first issue in the series went on sale in 1934. A new stamp is issued each year by the Post Office Department which is in charge of its distribution and sale.

It goes on sale on July 1 and expires on the following June 30. Nearly twice the size of a special delivery stamp, it sells for $2. Everyone over 16 years of age who hunts migratory waterfowl is required to have one of these stamps in his possession, in addition to his State hunting license.

More than two million duck stamps are sold annually. Duck stamp revenues are used to supplement other funds appropriated to the Fish and Wildlife Service for the purchase, development, administration, and maintenance of waterfowl refuges throughout the country.

The design selected for each year's duck stamp is chosen by a judging committee of waterfowl authorities from among entries submitted by artists from every part of the country. Prior to 1949 however, outstanding wildlife artists were invited to submit entries and the selection was made from this limited group. In that year the limitations were lifted and a public contest was decided upon in order to give an opportunity for all wildlife artists to compete in the future.

Although the artist receives no direct compensation if his design is selected, the distinction is unique and therefore much sought after. Many of the winning artists in former years have been able to capitalize on their designs by selling autographed prints. All such projects, however, are subject to the terms of the contract which the winning artist must sign with the Fish and Wildlife Service concerning reproduction rights.

Artists are given a wide latitude in the choice of medium—pen and ink, oil, watercolor, etching, pencil, etc., and in their subject. The subject of course, must be a true-to-life portrait of wild waterfowl. Most of the winning entries in previous years were of ducks and geese in action. At any rate, the birds should be in position and plumage "as the hunter sees them."

Prospective duck stamp artists who have not submitted entries in previous contests should write to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Information, Washington 25, D. C., for a free copy of the leaflet, "Rules for the Annual Federal Duck Stamp Contest."

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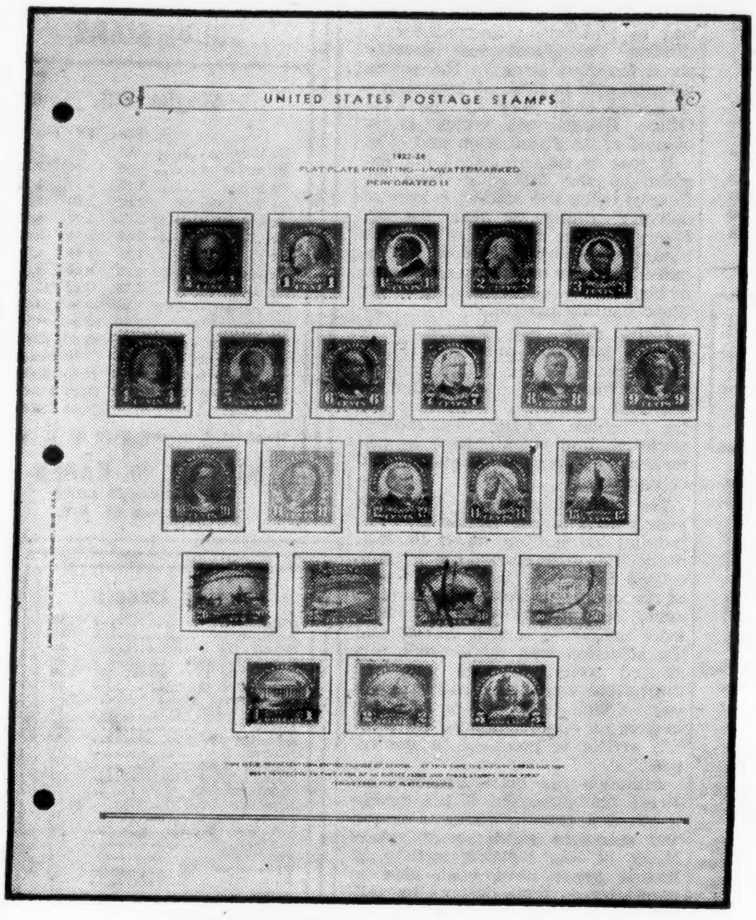

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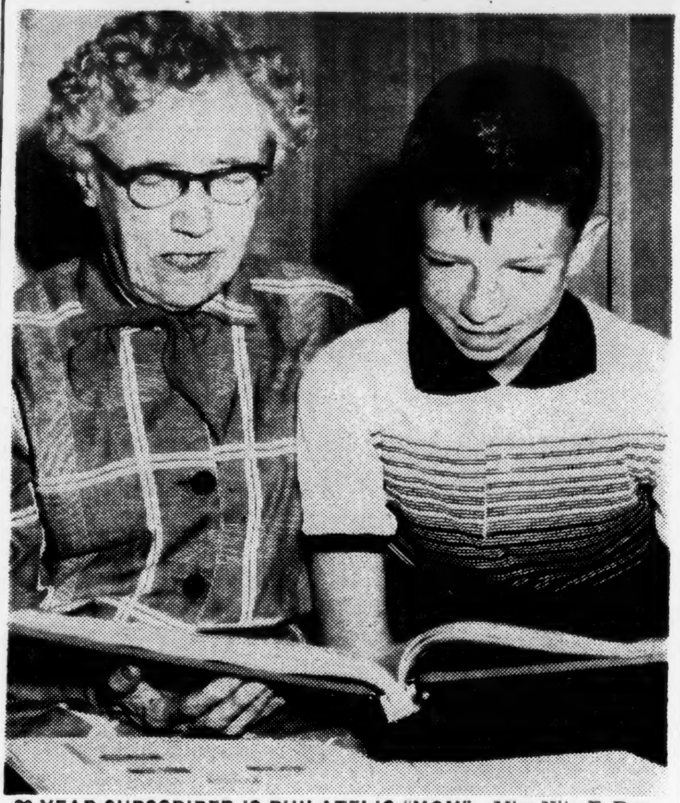

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GERMANY—A coat-of-arms with three lions is the design of the two stamps issued on June 15. The values are: 7pfg gold, black and reddish-brown; 10pfg gold, black and green. Designs are identical.

HUNGARY — The Ministry of Posts announces that on May 28 a 60f green and reddish-brown stamp, showing a building was issued. The same design and color was used for a miniature sheet but of 5Ft. value. The stamp is perforated on the sheet.

INDONESIA — To commemorate the First National Scout Jamboree five stamps are expected to be released shortly. The designs and values are: 15c plus 10c green—Scout emblem; 35c plus 15c blue—Scout with flag; 50c plus 25c red—Scouts around camp fire; 75c plus 50c brown—Scout feeding young stag; 100c plus 50c violet—Scout saluting.

NETHERLANDS — The current set is now complete with the 5 Guilder gray value having been issued on June 3. The 2.50G was issued on May 30. The set complete has 22 stamps.

POLAND—On June 19 in commemoration of the twenty-fourth International Poznan Fair, two stamps were issued showing the City Hall of Poznan.

Philippine Postal Slogans Cataloged

Contained in the annual yearbook of the Association Filatelica de Filipinas (AFF) are two desirable articles of reference for those who pursue postal slogans. Just released by the organization it carries a list of the members plus a recounting of AFF activity in the 1954-55 fiscal year.

First of the reference items is a Catalog of Philippine Postal Slogans, the work of Pablo M. Esperidion. Treated are the History of the slogans; their Chronology and Illustrations; and a Check List. This data is detailed and comprehensive.

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Precancel NEWS

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NEW BUREAU ISSUES

As reported by George Klein new issue Bureau dealer. The only old issue item is a 2c sheet stamp from York, Pa. All the rest are Liberty series. Cincinnati 1c and 3c sheet stamps and the 1c coil. Seattle, Wash. 1c coil.

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The May-June issue of the ESSCEEPEECEE official bulletin of the Southern California Precancel Club in with a 2c Liberty series from Auberry, Calif.

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Although the precancel fraternity is made up predominantly of swappers, they are swappers of precancels only. True there are a few who trade off their foreign for precancels but this generally is a bulk lot swap. On a stamp for stamps basis as most precancel trades are conducted in swapping over for foreign stamps or U. S. stamps there is little or no activity.

Neither is there any satisfactory method in going by the catalog such as Scott's catalog values for values in the precancel catalogs. Most precancel catalogs are now on a NET basis and of course Scott is not, except for the exceptional items.

Many times I have been asked about this type of exchanging and I just don't know of any sound method of trading precancels for foreign. If any of the readers know of such a method we would like to hear about it so all could be informed.

Taiwan Has An Agency For Sales

The Philatelic Agency of the Chinese Postal Administration was established in the Shanghai General Post Office in the early thirties. It moved to Chungking during the war and then back to Shanghai. Now it is located on Taiwan. The Philatelic Agency works closely with stamp collectors and caters to the needs of the public. It is primarily responsible for initiating projects for stamp issues and the use of special cancellations.

Under the enlightened administration of Postmaster General K. T. Hwong, the postal system in Free China has been greatly expanded and improved. For example, air letters from Taipei arrive in San Francisco within 48 hours of the postmarked date. Although Mr. Hwong is not a stamp collector, he has taken great interest in the needs of philatelists and provides an excellent service for new issues and some of the older issues.

In February 1955 the Agency issued a comprehensive list in English and Chinese of the stamps released in 1954-55, which is distributed to stamp collectors free of charge. The same thing in a bound booklet is sold for a small fee. The Agency also regularly prints a list of stamps on sale. The latest, dated April 1955, still offers seven silver yuan sets in addition to the complete Koxinga set, Presidentials, Silo Bridge, and later items.

Although communications may be addressed in English, there is some difficulty in effecting payment. Domestic U. S. money orders are not negotiable in Taiwan and there is no international money order service. Express and traveller's checks are not acceptable. The best means of payment is by bank check. The current rate of exchange is one U. S. dollar to about 25 dollars in new Tawain currency.

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259	14c	R. Tank	2.00	317	4c	R Cross	.60
260	20c	Corv.	1.00	318	3c	Abbott	.50
270	14c	Hydro	1.30	319	4c	MacKen	.40
271	20c	Reaper	.60	320	7c	Goose	1.10
272	50c	Lumb.	11.50	322	2c	Bear	1.10
274	4c	Bell	1.30	323	3c	Moose	.60
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Crane List No. 57 has been released by A. B. Crane, P. O. Box 351, Altoona, Pa. Its valuations will remain in force until August 31. The Crane List has all the plate numbers of stamps since the ½c Bi-Centennial to date and these are priced as to position. The Presidentials, commems, Liberty regulars and airmails are included. Write for details.

Price lists dealing with several of the popular parts of the world as far as stamp collectors are concerned are being offered by J. A. Sherlock, 711 Park Ave., Montgomery 6, Ala. These are for mint and used United States issues, and mint singles and sets only of the British Commonwealth of Nations. When writing mention seeing this in Linn's.

Attention of readers is called to the special sale of mint foreign sets and singles on page 16 of the July 18 edition offered by Mark Gay, Jr., 526 Ferndale Ave., Johnstown, Pa. Those following certain topicals, such as flowers, UPU's, trains, religion and the like will find many items. Mr. Gay says, "All items have been drastically cut in price!"

From July 23 to August 14, the office of Delson Stamps, 67-24 Bell Blvd., Bayside, N.Y. will be closed while the owner and staff take a three weeks vacation. During this time there will be no answering of mail, or filling of orders however all such mail will be handled soon as possible after the return. The new plate block price list is ready.

Business of the Trump Stamp Co., P.O. Box 351, G. P.O., Brooklyn 1, N. Y. will be suspended temporarily because of the hospitalization of owner-manager Eli Trumbower. It is not expected that Mr. Trumbower's illness will last too long and he fully expects to be able to handle correspondence and orders in a matter of several weeks.

Now in its third number is a new publication for coin collectors, "The Flying Eaglet", which also contains a small amount of news of interest to stamp collectors. A sample copy can be gotten from Frank G. Spadone, 229 S. 11th St., Newark, N. J. without cost. Most of the ads and reading matter are of interest to dealers in both items, also.

For a while there was some difficulty experienced by Max Ohlman, P. O. Box 247, Jackson Heights 72, N. Y. in obtaining the "Philatector", the electric battery watermark detector, and the batteries themselves, from his source in Europe. Mr. Ohlman advises that he now has a substantial stock of both and can make immediate deliveries of them.

ARTISTS

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junk is depicted on the 30 and 50 sen values. The Ryukyuans were great seamen and traders. Their fleets ranged as far south as Singapore and Sumatra during their golden era.

The Ryukyuan standing atop the globe with a hoe over his shoulder as depicted on the 1 yen stamp expresses the determination of the Ryukyuans to rebuild their homeland by rehabilitating their war torn economy.

Regular Issue of 1950

An art contest was held in the Ryukyus in 1949 to select designs for an issue of stamps in 1950. New exchange and postal rates necessitated a new series with higher denominations. The 50 sen was for newspapers; the 1 yen for postcards; 3 yen for domestic letters; 5 yen for foreign letters; and the 2 and 4 yen for combinations.

The contest winner was a design by Noriye Omura which is found on the 50 sen value. It is a typical Okinawan roof-top showing the Shishi or lion, which guarded the house against evil influences.

The 1 yen picture of a Shuri lady by Seigun Natoyama and the 3 yen of a ryu, or dragon, by Meizo Shimoji of Miyako, shared the second prize. The dragon was a painting from a pair which formerly stood guard before the Shuri Palace of the Okinawan kings.

The 2 yen design depicting Shuri Castle was by Keiichi Yamamoto of Okinawa. This monument was designated a National Treasure by Japan, but was completely destroyed during the fighting around Shuri.

The 4 yen design depicted two Okinawan women on the seashore. It was by Kazu Katsuyushi of Amami Oshima.

The 5 yen design by Koya Oshiro depicts the beautiful conch shells which are found in profusion throughout the islands.

The stamps of this issue were done by photogravure on unwatermarked paper, perforated 13 x 13½, and measured 18.5 x 22.5.

Regular Issue of 1952-53

Toward the close of 1952, the expanding Ryukyus postal service required higher denominations for airmail and parcel post. In view of the criticism that the 1950 issue lacked a unified theme, the postal authorities decided to center the new issue around the historical sites of the ancient capital of the Ryukyus, Shuri.

The designs were executed from old photographs by post office artists under the able direction of Kei Kakinohana. It was also decided to omit English lettering, so the names of the scenes were written in Chinese characters at the bottom of each design. The values include.

1 yen—Madanbashi, a bridge near Naha.

2 yen—Royal audience hall in Shuri.

3 yen—Shureinnomon, A pailou, or Chinese type arch, in Shuri.

6 yen—Soenji, An ancestral shrine of Okinawan kings, Naha.

10 yen—Besaitendo, a temple in Shuri.

30 yen—Sonoh yanutake, an arch featuring the flaming pearl, in Shuri.

50 yen—Tamaudun, Royal tombs in Shuri.

100 yen—Hosho Pond Bridge in Shuri.

Regular Issue of 1954-55

New postal rates again required a new set of stamps with the required denominations. This time, the post office selected the theme of Ryukyu Industrial Arts.

The 4 yen pottery stamp issued June 25, 1954 was the first of this series. Pottery making is well advanced on the Ryukyus and is now a growing industry. The design selected for this stamp is an ancient style wine jug, made to fit around the waist.

The 15 yen issued June 20, 1955, depicts a lacquer altar dish with the triad design of the former royal house of Okinawa. Since days immemorial, inlay and red Okinawa lacquer were considered fitting presents for kings. Appropriately, this stamp is in red, just like Ryukyu Nuri.

The 20 yen, issued on the same day, depicts a piece of HSO-JOFU or hemp cloth of Miyako design. It normally took six months to make a piece about 9 yeards long. This item sold for about $50 in former years in Japan.

These three stamps were printed on unwatermarked paper by the photogravure method. They measure 22.5 x 18.5 mm. and come 100 to a sheet. These stamps were required for domestic registration and special services. The 4 yen was for the domestic first class letter rate.

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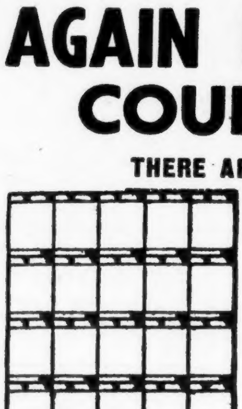

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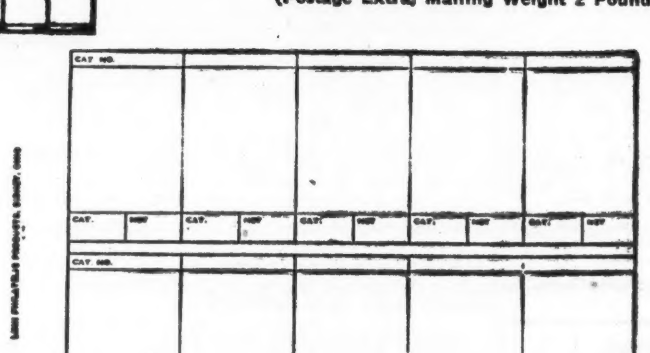

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On November 29, 1946 Mr. Toyoshima, now the "Provisional Governor, Northern Ryukyu Islands" requested a further upward revision in rates, leaving the basic letter and postcard rates for intra-Ryukyu service unchanged, but asking for higher levels for other postal services such as special delivery, registration, delivery certification, etc.

This was approved on December 3, 1946 by Major Fred M. Labree, Senior Military Government Officer, Northern Ryukyu Islands. In the meantime, rates from Amami-Oshima to Japan had advanced to fifty sen for postcards and one yen for letters.

A few days later, intra-Ryukyuan rates advanced in Amami-Oshima to 15 sen for postcards and 30 sen for letters. Post offices continued in Amami-Oshima to use Japanese stamps for letters and cards and hand stamps for letters and cards to Japan, but towards the end of 1947, each Amami-Oshima post office collected the stamps and post cards held by private citizens and applied a validation overprint, consisting of the single character KEN (standing for "Examined") to such matter, as well as to stocks held by the post offices.

Japanese postcard overprinted KEN for ordinary use in Amami Oshima, Ryukyu Islands.

Some stamps and postcards escaped this practice and so, on January 1, 1948 Japanese stamps without the official mark of the Provisional Government for Northern Ryukyu Islands would not be considered valid.

Agitation on the part of the postal authorities which prompted initiation of this practice of validation was one of taking "obvious precautions." It was intended to prevent the use of stamps and cards brought into the Amami-Oshima islands after the war by persons repatriated from Japan proper. Also bearing on the matter was the fact that currency exchange rate for yen on Amami-Oshima differed from the rates prevailing in Japan proper.

In April 1948, a branch of the Naze Post Office, Amami-Oshima was established by military government on board an ocean lighter to bring postal service to outlying districts. Finally, on July 1, 1948 definitive stamps were issued for use throughout the Ryukyu Islands, including Amami-Oshima, bringing a halt to the use in Amami-Oshima of overprinted Japanese stamps and postal stationery (the latter made in Japan or produced on a provisional basis, in many forms, in Amami-Oshima), and the use of hand-stamps on mail intended for Japan.

Although extending beyond the period contemplated for this brief account of the provisional period in the Ryukyu Islands, two additional facts regarding Amami-Oshima may be worth recounting at this time.

On December 5, 1951 by the terms of the Peace Treaty with Japan, the line separating Amami-Oshima from Japan proper had been dropped from the 30th parallel to the 29th parallel, resulting in the transfer to Japan of the Jitto or Tokara group of islands lying between these two parallels. Cancellations from the post offices of Kuchinoshima and Nakanoshima (the two post offices in this group) are hard to come by.

Finally, on Christmas Day 1953 the balance of the Amami-Oshima group was returned to Japan and the philatelic history of this group once again became one with that of Japan itself.

OKINAWA

In Okinawa, (south of Amami-Oshima and north of Yaeyama and Miyako, with a population in December 1950 of about 570,000) an entirely different situation prevailed than that found in Amami-Oshima at the time military government was established. It was on June 21, 1945 that the island was declared secure, but in the previous month's fighting (which was very heavy) a large part of Okinawa was destroyed.

With the destruction of homes, buildings and cities the postal system on Okinawa, as such, had disappeared. The initial concern of military government (then under naval control) was primarily with the caring of the civilian population. Most of the civilians had fled to the northern part of the island (the fighting was heaviest in the south) or were evacuated to the northern limits of the island immediately after the cessation of hostilities. Actual Military Government was established by the United States Navy and continued its control until June 30, 1946.

As in the case of all refugees, the people were anxious to find their relatives and were in dire need of postal services. Letters were sent free of charge, as arranged by military govrnment, and were delivered in American military vehicles. A small Okinawan postal service was established and extended, in November 1945, to the areas in which the refugees had been resettled. In January 1946, it was reported that the bus and postal systems continued to operate. Service by the postal system was limited, of course, to personal letters.

On April 24, 1946 a civilian government was established on Okinawa and Hirata Shiichi was appointed chief of the Communications Department of the Civilian Government. Two months later—on June 30, 1946—free mail was ended. In July, there were 34 post offices and five trucks for handling mail on Okinawa, and by October, the number of post offices on Okinawa had increased to 43 in all. By December, the figure stood at 48.

Initially, the Okinawa Civilian Department of Postal Affairs which had been established in April, one week after United States Naval Military Government Directive No. 152 of April 17, 1946 appeared, did not use Japanese stamps and thus differed from the practice followed in Amami-Oshima to the north. In Okinawa, "Prepaid" Handstamps were first used.

On July 1, 1946, reponsibility for military government passed from the U. S. Navy to the U. S. Army. The Okinawa postal authorities, and the populace as well, found the method of "prepaid" hand-stamping unnecessarily cumbersome and time-consuming.

The Communications Department thereupon proposed to military government a plan for using Japanese postage stamps until Ryukyuan stamps could be issued. The request of Mr. Hirata was approved and supplies of Japanese stamps were imported from Japan and turned over to the civil government in Okinawa.

Before release for sale to the public, however, all of these stamps (and the postal stationery imported at the same time) were overprinted with the personal seal of Mr. Hirata, chief of the Communications Department.

This practice continued for a period of about eight months, the use of overprinted postage stamps and postal stationery being terminated on June 30, 1948, the day before the definitive all-Ryukyu postage stamps and stationery were placed in use. These overprinted stamps are quite rare and the stamps on postally used covers are extremely rare. Scarcity is attributable to the fact that the period of their use was short, they were not placed on general sale, and the "remainder stocks" were destroyed in the 1949 typhoon which demolished the building of the Communication Department.

As far as the author is aware, unoverprinted Japanese stamps were not used on Okinawa after VJ-Day. Postal rates did not correspond with those prevailing in Amami-Oshima. Rates on Okinawa were ten sen for postcards and 30 sen for letters. However, shortly after the all-Ryukyu definitive stamp appeared on July 1, 1948 identical rates prevailed in Amami-Oshima, Okinawa, Yaeyama, and Miyako.

Falling within the administrative sphere of Okinawa was the island of Kume for which Naval Military Government issued a mimeographed seven-sen stamp. Details of this particular issue may be found in the Eighteenth American Philatelic Congress Yearbook for 1952.

MIYAKO

The Miyako group of islands lies to the west of Okinawa and east of Yaeyama and had a population in December 1950 of about 75,000. The Miyako Civil Administration was established on January 16, 1946 shortly after the arrival of American troops on Miyako on December 8, 1945. A communications section was established and Tomiyama Jojin,who had been Miyako postmaster from prewar days, was appointed the chief of the section. Postal service on this group of islands was resumed in January 1946 and provisional stamps were issued in February, consisting of Japanese stamps overprinted with Mr. Tomiyama's personal seal.

In December 1946 Miyako had seven post offices and in the following month received the first civilian mail from Okinawa since the end of the war. Sporadic sailings interfered with any early thought of a regular mail service between Miyako and other elements of the Ryukyu Islands. There was some communication with Japan. Most of the mail from Miyako for Japan was processed through Okinawa.

Insofar as rates are concerned, the war-time rates on Miyako, of seven-sen and 3-sen, respectively, for letters and cards, advanced to 1-yen and 50-sen, respectively on April 1, 1947, and to two yen and one-yen, respectively, on April 16, 1948. These latter rates were in force when the Ryukyuan definitive stamps appeared on July 1, 1948 and a month later, the rates of one yen and fifty sen, respectively, became uniform throughout the Ryukyu Islands.

YAEYAMA

The small island-group of Yaeyama lies to the west of Miyako and is about half-way between Miyako and the island of Formosa. It had a population in December 1950 of about 30,000.

The first American landings in Yaeyama were on December 23, 1945 almost two months after the official surrender. The Yaeyama Civil Administration was set up within a week. A Communication Bureau was established and its first chief was Mr. Miyara, then Yaeyama postmaster.

Immediately after the war, Japanese stamps and postcards continued to be used in Yaeyama. Postage rates continued unchanged: 7 sen for letters and 3 sen for cards. On May 1, 1946 these rates were increased to 20 sen for letters and 10 sen for postcards. On October 1, 1946 they became 30 sen and 15 sen respectively and then, in April 1947, they were advanced to one yen twenty sen and fifty sen, respectively, for letters and postcards. By December 1946, Yaeyama had thirteen post offices.

Japanese (unoverprinted) stamps continued to be used in Yaeyama until July 1947 when a military directive made all Japanese issues invalid.

In July 1947 a distinctive prepaid system was instituted. The bulk of the mail was in the form of postcards and as successive rate increases came about, prepaid markings in the form of the word "PAID" were hand-written in English on the cards. The same system was used on mail intended for addressees in Japan and the United States.

The marking "YEN PAID" in one line, and the figure hand-written in front of the word YEN was also used. As was the case in Okinawa, the use of this cumbersome system led to a petition for permission to take the Japanese stamps remaining on hand (since their sale had been suspended in July 1947) and to overprint them with the personal seal of Mr. Miyara, the communications chief.

The necessary permission was granted and the relatively small stocks of Japanese stamps in the hands of post offices on Yaeyama were duly overprinted. This sytem continued in use until July 8. 1948 when the first Ryukyu definitives were placed on sale in Yaeyama.

During this provisional period of about three years, the philatelic history of each of the four districts differed from that of the other three. All four operated under the directives and supervision of separate United States naval and military authorities. There is, therefore, ample justification for inclusion of the Ryukyuan provisional listings under the United States.

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SCOTT'S PRICES. Scott's Monthly Journal has just increased the price of Australia #265 from 45c to $1. The entire Tasmanian set looks higher. Also increased by Scott was Bahamas #90-91 which went from $1.45 to $1.70.

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U.P.U. This column recently mentioned that the U.P.U. sets of Antigua and Ascension would probably follow Aden and Gold Coast in scarcity. Gibbons has just increased the catalogue prices of both of these sets, which should be watched, especially Ascension.

NORTH BORNEO. The current 2c, 3c and 50c stamps have been ordered from the printers and when issued they will add three more to the incomplete Elizabeth series.

FALKLAND ISLANDS. On July 15 this colony released the one shilling value with the royal portrait changed to Queen Elizabeth.

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★ Scarce Imperfs-99,100,101,102,104, 106,108,109,110,112,113,114,115- Imperf your choice each 3.00
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★ B54-60 (Scott $18.35-Complete) .. 7.50
Saxony ⊙ 2-8 (Cat. $20.95-Cpt) 4.00
⊙ 9-14 (Scott $52.05-Complete) 10.00
⊙ 14 (Cat. $45.00-Fine Appear, Faults) 6.00
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★ 2 (Scott $35.00-Tough Number) .. 8.00
Wurttemberg ⊙ 26 (2 on Piece $8.00) 2.00
MU 34-39b (Scott $20.80-1863) 3.75
⊙ 53 (Cat. $150.00-Faults, but nice).. 20.00
MU 47-52a (Cat. $16.65-1869-73) 3.50
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★ O114 (Est. $10.00-Double Print) .. 1.75

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⊙ 3 (Scott $15.00-Hermes-1861) 3.00
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⊙ 6 (Scott $6.00-Hermes-1861) 1.75
⊙ 7 (Scott $20.00-Cpt-1861) 4.00
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⊙ 49-50 (Scott $15.00-Complete) 3.50
MU 151-54 (Cat. $18.00-Scarce-Cpt).. 4.00
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MU 198-213 (Scott $16.19-Cpt-1911).. 3.00
★ San 504-07 (San $12.50-1933 Fair) 4.00
MU J1-12 (Cat $12.65-Complete) 3.00
★ J25-36 (Scott $22.80-Complete) .. 5.50
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★ N150-64 (Scott $37.00-1913) 12.00
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★ 10 (Scott $20.00-1859) 3.75
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